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1. PAO CALLED ON POLGAR AT KKI APRIL 12 AND GAVE HIM RESPONSE TO INFORMAL INQUIRIES REF. A ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES RECEIVED REF. B.
2. WHEN TOLD THAT QUOTE NEXT APPROPRIATE STEP WOULD BE FORMAL MFA RESPONSE TO US COUNTERDRAFT UNQUOTE POLGAR REPLIED THAT WE WILL RECEIVE THAT REPLY FROM MFA IN FORM OF A NEW HUNGARIAN DRAFT WITHIN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.
3. POLGAR APPEARED TO HAVE LOST INTEREST IN PURSUING

THE INFORMATION ISSUE AS A PRECONDITION TO PROCEED WITH THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT, PERHAPS FEELING OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. MFA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN PROCEEDING WITH FINAL PREPARATIONS OF THEIR COUNTERDRAFT WITHOUT REALLY EXPECTING THAT POLGAR'S INITIATIVES WOULD TURN OUT TO BE VERY FRUITFUL. THIS WAS ALSO CONFIRMED BY VARKONYI WHO TOLD POLOFF AT RECEPTION APRIL 11 THAT CULTURAL AGREEMENT DRAFT WAS ON HIS DESK FOR FINAL CLEARANCE PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL TO EMBASSY.

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4. POLGAR TOLD PAO THAT AFTER MFA HANDED OVER HUNGARIAN COUNTERDRAFT, USG COULD HANDLERESPONSE AS IT WISHED INCLUDING SENDING A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO BUDAPEST. POLGAR GAVE NO INDICATION WHAT MODIFICATIONS TEXT OF LATEST HUNGARIAN DRAFT LIKELY TO CONTAIN.

5. FYI DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY, DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND FRANK ZARB APRIL 9 SAID IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL REVIEW OF US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS THAT AMONG AREAS OF PROGRESS ARE THE CULTURAL FIELD AND QUOTE EVEN INFORMATION UNQUOTE. PEDERSEN

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